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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 INSOMNIAC HOLDINGS LLC,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 CONSCIOUS ENTERTAINMENT GROUP
13 LLC, et al.,

14 Defendants.

Case No. C20-137-RSL

ORDER DENYING
DEFENDANTS' MOTION
TO STAY PROCEEDINGS

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16 This matter comes before the Court on defendants' "Motion to Stay District Court
17 Proceedings Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19). Dkt. #13. On March 20, 2020, defendants moved
18 to stay the proceedings in this case "until the emergency orders issued by this Court have been
19 lifted and/or modified, or April 15, 2020, whichever is sooner." Id. at 2. The Court re-noted
20 defendants' motion for April 10, 2020, in accordance with LCR 7(d)(3). See Dkt. #14. Plaintiff
21 filed a response in opposition to defendants' motion on April 6, 2020. Dkt. #16.

22 Defendants' motion describes concerns regarding their ability to timely answer plaintiff's
23 complaint due to the developing COVID-19 outbreak. However, defendants filed an answer and
24 counterclaims on March 27, 2020. See Dkt. #15. Moreover, defendants' proposed stay
25 expiration date of April 15, 2020 has arrived.

26 Although the Court is keenly aware of the unprecedented challenges posed by the current
27 public health crisis, it finds a stay of proceedings unnecessary at this time. See Clinton v. Jones,
28 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997) (citation omitted) ("The District Court has broad discretion to stay

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1 proceedings as an incident to its power to control its own docket.”). Technological advances
2 now facilitate remote legal work, including allowing for face-to-face interviews with clients and
3 experts. The parties are instructed to continue litigating this matter to the extent safely possible,
4 in accordance with the General Orders of this District. See generally Gen. Order Nos. 07-20,
5 02-20; see also Governor Jay Inslee, Proclamation No. 20-25.1 (Apr. 2, 2020).

6 Defendants’ motion to stay proceedings (Dkt. #13) is DENIED.

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8 DATED this 15th day of April, 2020.
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12 Robert S. Lasnik
13 United States District Judge
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